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LANDER

ARMSTRONG

80	2nd - 00:00	1	2	T	91
	LANDER (6-6, 1-4 PBC)	44	36	80	
	ARMSTRONG (8-4, 4-1 PBC)	43	48	91	





Posted: Jan 10, 2013

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong Atlantic State University scored the final 10 points of the first half and the first 11 points of the second half, using the 21-0 run to race past Lander University, 91-80, in Peach Belt Conference men's basketball action on Thursday evening in Savannah.

The win was the fourth straight for the Pirates (8-4, 4-1 PBC), while Lander fell to 6-6 overall and 1-4 in the Peach Belt with the loss.

The Bearcats used a 9-0 run late in the first half to take an 11-point lead, 39-28, and still led by 11 points with 2:38 remaining. A layup by senior **Aric Miller** sparked the 10-0 run to end the half, culminating in a buzzer-beating three-pointer by junior **Kenny Bellinger II**, bringing the Pirates to within one at the break, 44-43.

After the break, Miller drained three three-pointers and hit two free throws in the first two minutes, putting the Pirates up, 54-44, before the Bearcats would stop the run with a Darius Carrier basket. Bellinger answered with a three-pointer, giving Armstrong the 11-point

GAME LEADERS		
LANDER		
Pts: David Pruett - 24		
Reb: 2 Players (#03, #35) - 10		
Ast: Jareal Smith - 6		
ARMSTRONG		
Pts: Aric Miller - 34		
Reb: Antroine Williford - 11		
Ast: 2 Players (#02, #10) - 5		
TEAM STATS		
LANDER		ARMSTRONG
(30-65)	Field Goals	(34-73)
46.2%	Field Goal %	46.6%

lead and Lander would not get closer than five points the rest of the way.

"I called that timeout late in the half down by 11 [points]," Armstrong head coach Jeremy Luther said. "Then I realized we went up by 11 or so in the second half. I turned to coach [Evans] Davis at one point and said, 'I think that's a big run we went on from the end of the first half all the way through the second half' and we just blew it out from there."

Miller finished the night with 34 points on 12-of-24 shooting from the floor, including 4-of-8 three-pointers, as well as 6-of-9 from the free throw line. Senior **Antroine Williford** added his first double-double of the season with 20 points and 11 rebounds to go with three blocked shots, while Bellinger chipped in 14 points and five assists.

Former Pirate David Pruett led the Bearcats with 24 points on 7-of-18 shooting from the floor, including 3-of-7 from three-point range, to go with 7-of-8 from the free throw line, also adding 10 rebounds for a double-double. Dermaine Smith added a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Savannah native Jareal Smith chipped in 15 points and Carrier finished with 12.

Lander hit 8-of-11 three-pointers in the first half, but cooled off in the second half, making only 2-of-11 from beyond the arc and finishing the game 10-of-22 for 45.5 percent. The Pirates made 10-of-23 threes in the contest for 43.5 percent and shot 46.6 percent for the game, hitting 34-of-73 baskets.

Armstrong returns to action on Saturday, January 12th, visiting Augusta State for a 3:30 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest against the Jaguars in Augusta.



44	Rebounds	38
16	Assists	17
15	Turnovers	5
7	Pts off Turnovers	26
10	2nd Chance Pts	15
24	Pts in the Paint	40
7	Fastbreak Pts	24
18	Bench Pts	9

FULL STATS

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